



MODEL ENVIRONMENTAL ORDINANCES
Macomb County

Project Highlights:

- Create ordinance language that balances the goals for development and natural feature preservation
- Make model natural feature preservation ordinances available to local communities for modification to fit their specific needs

The Macomb County Department of Planning & Economic Development strives to strike a balance between natural feature preservation and development to help maintain the quality of life for its residents. To assist County communities in meeting this goal, the Department's Planning and Environmental Services area collaborated with Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc. to develop environmental ordinances on the following topics: stormwater management, floodplain management, wetlands, natural feature setback/buffer, native landscaping, woodlands/trees, and resource overlay districts. The model ordinances were developed keeping the existing natural features within the County in mind.

The ordinances were distributed to participants at a workshop held in March 2005 where County staff discussed each and answered questions about implementation. The ordinances are also available at the County's offices.

Sidebar within the ordinances were used to discuss important components of each regulation, and issues to consider. The reader was also informed that the ordinances were written to include a wide range of provisions – some of which may or may not be appropriate for every community. Individual communities were instructed to decide which provisions work best in the context of their overall development regulations, and adapt the model language to fit their community's specific needs and conditions.

APPLICATION

